

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 302–321, S.J. Res. 5, S. Res. 19, and S. Con. Res. 9–10.

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Patent, Copyright, and Trademarks Laws Technical Correction—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 320, to make technical corrections in patent, copyright, and trademark laws, at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, February 14, 2001.

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Appointments:

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed Senators Hutchison, Brownback, Smith (OR), and Voinovich as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 107th Congress.

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James Madison Commemoration Commission Advisory Committee: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–550, announced the appointment of Steven G. Calabresi of Illinois, and Forrest McDonald of Alabama to serve as members of the James Madison Commemoration Commission Advisory Committee.

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U.S.-China Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398 and in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appointed Michael A. Ledeen, of Maryland, Roger W. Robinson, Jr., of Maryland, and Arthur Waldron, of Pennsylvania as members of the United States-China Security Review Commission.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Bill Frist, of Tennessee, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fifth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:32 a.m., and adjourned at 6:08 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 14, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1353.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the first Monetary Policy Report for 2001, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUDGET OUTLOOK AND TAX POLICY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the budget outlook and tax policy issues, including the Administration's tax cut proposal, the projected budget surpluses, and the effects of high marginal tax rates, after receiving testimony from Kevin A. Hassett, American Enterprise Institute, and William G. Gale and Gene B. Sperling, both of Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.; and Martin Feldstein, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

AIRLINE CUSTOMER SERVICE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Department of Transportation Inspector General's final report on airline customer service, after receiving testimony from Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and Robin K. Hunt, Director, Aviation Security and Infrastructure, both of the Department of Transportation; and Carol B. Hallett, Air Transport Association of America, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Joe M. Allbaugh, of Texas, to be Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Gramm and Hutchinson, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NURSING SHORTAGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Aging concluded hearings to examine the impact of the current nurse staffing shortage on America's health care delivery system, after receiving testimony from Georges C. Benjamin, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and Kathryn Hall, Maryland Nurses Association, on behalf of the American Nurses Association and Maryland Colleagues in Caring Project, both of Baltimore; Dianne Anderson, Glens Falls Hospital, Glens Falls, New York, on behalf of the American Organization of Nurse Executives; Linda C. Hodges, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock; and Brandon Melton, Catholic Health Initiatives, Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the American Hospital Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action**Bills Introduced:**

46 public bills, H.R. 559–606; 1 private bill, H.R. 607; 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 16–19; H. Con. Res. 23–31, and H. Res. 37–39 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 36, providing for consideration of H.R. 554, to establish a program, coordinated by the National Transportation Safety Board, of assistance to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents (H. Rept. 107–1).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Isakson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:47 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Congratulating Prime-Minister-elect Sharon and Reaffirming the Friendship between the United States and Israel: H. Res. 34, amended, congratulating the Prime Minister-elect of Israel, Ariel Sharon, calling for an end to violence in the Middle East, and reaffirming the friendship between the Governments of the United States and Israel

(agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 410 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 12); and

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Social Security and Medicare Lockbox Act: H.R. 2, amended, to establish a procedure to safeguard the combined surpluses of the Social Security and Medicare hospital insurance trust funds (passed by a ye and nay vote of 407 yeas to 2 nays with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 13). Agreed to amend the title. Earlier, agreed to re-refer the bill to the Committees on the Budget and Rules.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 6 p.m.

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State of the Union Address on Tuesday, February 27: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 28, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President on Tuesday, February 27, 2001, at 9 p.m.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 37, electing Mr. Sanders of Vermont to the Committees on Financial Services and Government Reform.

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Consideration of Electronic Commerce Enhancement Act on Wednesday, February 14: Agreed that it be in order on Wednesday, February 14 for the Speaker to entertain a motion to suspend the rules relating to H.R. 524, Electronic Commerce Enhancement Act of 2001.

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Consideration of Bill Designating the John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston, Massachusetts: Agreed that it be in order on Wednesday, February 14, without intervention of any point of order to consider H.R. 559, to designate the United States courthouse located at 1 Courthouse Way in Boston, Massachusetts, as the "John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse," that it be considered as read for amendment, and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except one hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and one motion to recommit. **Page H278**

Referral: S. 235 was referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Energy and Commerce. **Page H319**

Quorum Calls Votes: Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page 278. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RAIL PASSENGER DISASTER FAMILY ASSISTANCE ACT; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 554, Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act of 2001. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to those members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Quinn and Clement.

The Committee also approved an Oversight Plan for the 107th Congress.

ADMINISTRATION'S TAX RELIEF PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Administration's tax relief proposals. Testimony was heard from Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on the Department of

Transportation's management challenges, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to resume hearings on S. 149, to provide authority to control exports, and to examine how to establish an effective, modern framework for computer, manufacturing, and electronics export controls, and its potential impact on the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction worldwide, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 143, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the structure of Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, the organization in charge of creating and distributing Internet domain names, and the effort underway to expand available domain names, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine education tax and saving incentives, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the impact of recent pardons granted by President Clinton, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to hold an organizational meeting; followed by a hearing on the current state of the farm economy and the economic impact of federal policy on agriculture, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to meet for further organizational purposes, 10 a.m., followed by a hearing entitled: "Election Night 2000 Coverage by the Networks," 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Institutions, to hold an organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on the Census, hearing on "Oversight of the 2000 Census: The Success of the 2000 Census," 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to hold an organizational meeting; followed by a hearing on State Department: In the Lead on Foreign Policy? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 333, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2001; and H.R. 256, to extend for 11 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to hold an organizational meeting, 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, to hold an organizational meeting, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to hold an organizational meeting, 2:30 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to hold an organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold an organizational meeting, 11 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, to hold an organizational meeting, 2 p.m., 1129 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, to hold an organizational meeting, 3 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, to hold an organizational meeting, 11 a.m., 1129 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, to hold an organizational meeting, 1 p.m., 1129 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to hold an organizational meeting, 4 p.m., 1129 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Trade, to hold an organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 1129 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of certain Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate will consider S. 320, to make technical corrections in patent, copyright, and trademark laws.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 14

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 559, designating the John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston, Massachusetts (unanimous consent);

Consideration of H.R. 554, Rail Passenger Disaster Family Assistance Act (open rule, one hour of debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 524, Electronic Commerce Enhancement Act (suspension of the rules).

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